Caste-war list.

	(a)	(b)
Nambudiries	2	4
Tamil Brahmins	46	74
Kshatriya	7	10
Saraswat Brahmins	11	13
Nayars	64	141
Ambalavasis	2	30
Ezhuvas	28	12
Other Hindus	3	8
Christians	61	29
Muslims	1	6
Jews	1	Nil
European	1	Nil
Anglo-Indian	1	2

The Maharaja's College and the Dailies.

193. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Maharaja's College is subscribing for *the* '*Madras Mail*' and other such loyalist dailies;

(b) whether it is a fact that several copies of *the* '*Hindu*' and other nationalist organs are made available to the students and staff at present?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The College does not subscribe for any of the dailies.

(b) The hostels subscribe for *the* '*Hindu*' and *the* '*Young India*' out of their own funds.

The Probationary Inspectors of Police.

194. Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. how long the Probationary Inspectors of Police have been on probation;

2. how long the Government intend to keep them on probation;

3. why do not the Government think fit to appoint them in the recent leave arrangement of A. Division Inspector of Police (vide Cochin Government Gazette, 22nd Makaram 1103, Part I, p. 199);

4. has not both or one of the Probationary Inspectors been in charge of prosecution work for some time?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—1. One year and 4 months.

2. Until they could be absorbed into the line of Inspectors.

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3. Government thought it desirable that some more experience might be gained by them before they were appointed as Inspectors.

4. One of the Probationary Inspectors was in charge of the prosecution work of the B. Division.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform me as to what the period of probation in British India is for such Inspectors who have returned after Vellore training?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Until they are fit for confirmation.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Is it not a rule there that they are kept one year only on probation?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No. If they are not fit, they will have to be on probation, or they will have to get out.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—(4) Did he not do his work properly during that period?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I should not give certificates of efficiency to my subordinates here, in this House.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—That is not my point.

I do not want you to give a certificate or recommendation for him. I want to know whether he did his work satisfactorily.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—What I can say here is that he was put in charge of that work for the purpose of gaining some practice in prosecution work, and not with a view to test his efficiency.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Was not that Inspector a Prosecuting Inspector for two or three years? When he joined the service, was he not a practising vakil?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—He is a B.A. and B. L. I do not know whether he practised or not. He was a vakil. Practice implies cases.

President.—There you are wrong. Practice does not imply cases. He might have cases or he might not have cases.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I took practice in that light.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Has the Government any idea as to the probable period of probation for this Inspector to gain the necessary experience? 'Necessary experience' is a very vague term.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It all depends on these Inspectors.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Are they not making sufficient progress? Is the Government going to keep them for any length of time on probation? If they are useless, why not send them away?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is not yet time to decide that. When it is time, they will be sent away.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Has the Government any idea as to the period that will be required for giving them the necessary experience in prosecution work?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur. That depends upon the pupils. As in all other matters, gaining of experience, proving efficient, all depends upon the pupils who undergo the training.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Am I to understand that the Government have not been able to test their capacity after having them in the service for one year and 4 months?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Government did not think he is fit to be confirmed, and so he was not confirmed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—May I know the probable time when he will be confirmed?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is not possible to say.

Re-election disputes in connection with the election of members to the Ernakulam Municipality.

195. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether one Sanjiva Rao had filed a civil suit against the Chairman of the Ernakulam Municipality and the Diwan of Cochin as O. S. 35/03 in the matter of his candidature for election as a member in Ward II of Ernakulam;

(b) whether the same Mr. Sanjiva Rao had filed a Civil Miscellaneous Appeal as No. 7/03 in the Chief Court of Cochin;

(c) will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the order passed by the Chief Court in the Civil Miscellaneous Appeal No. 7/03;

(d) will the Government be pleased to inform whether any special authorisation has been made by which one Judge of the Chief Court disposes of a Civil Miscellaneous Appeal of the kind mentioned in the question;

(e) will the Government be pleased to inform whether in Civil Miscellaneous Appeal No. 7/03 written arguments had been filed by the Vakil appearing for the appellant;

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